

KABUDULI

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Bukhu lomwe mwanyamula m'manja mwanuli, ndi nkhani yopeka chabe yomwe inalembedwa mwaukadaulo ndi a Victor GRANDSON Chikwi.

Zinatengera kudzipatulira nthawi yokwanira ndinso kulingalira mozama kuti nkhanayi ilembedwe komanso inveke motere.

Ngati munkhanayi muli mayina komanso zinthu zina zomwe ndi zofanana ndi zomwe zinakuchitikirani nthawi inayake, dziwani kuti zangophelezera chabe.

Ndikukhulupilira kuti pamapeto pakuwerenga "KABUDULI", lomwe ndi dzina la mutu wa bukhuli, mukhala osangalala komanso okhutira kaamba ka nsinjiro za chiyankhulo komanso mau olukana mwaluso omwe agwiritsidwa ntchito polemba bukhuli. Muli zinthu zambiri zomwe zakambidwa mu bukhuli ndi cholinga chofuna kufikira anthu osiyanasiyana. Malamulo onse a chiyankhulo atsatidwa bwino lomwe mu bukhuli zomwe zikuyenereza kuti bukhuli likhoza kugwiritsidwa ntchito ngakhale mu sukulu za dziko lino. Pomaliza ndikuthokoza kwa onse omwe atengapo mbali kuyambira pa chiyambi mpaka kufika nthawi yomwe bukhuli limatsindikizidwa.

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MUTU 1

KAFAMTAYE NDI CHIWAMBA

Dzuwa linali litapendeka ndipo kuwala kunali kuzimilira monyimira kupereka sawatcha kuti m'dima uyambe kulamulira. Ngakhale kuti utsi unali tolo kufukira pamwamba pa tsindwi la nyumbayo koma pakhomopo pamaonetsa zizindikiro zoti mwiniwake anaponya phazi mtunda wautali ndithu. Kabuduli anali ndi chizolowezi chokoleza moto mkuikapo chikuni cha mombo kuti chisunge moto kwa nthawi yaitali ndipo akapanda kutero, pena anali kumka ku dziko la mkafe m'mimba mukulira malikhweru kaamba kosowa machesi oti mkukolezera moto popeza ma kantini anali kutali ndi komwe anali kukhala.

Kafoleredwe ka nyumbayi kamatsendera luso lomwe linagona m'minyewa mwa uyo adafolera. Kamphe yemwe adagwiritsa ntchito pofolera nyumbayi adasanjidwa moshoshola bwino ngati momwe anamwali achitira akamaliza kuotcha tsitsi lawo tsiku lotuluka ku nsondo. Nyumba za ngome zochita kuphomera ngati iyi, m'mudzi monse inalimo yokhayo kaamba kakuti makono anthu anali kumanga nyumba zawo kugwiritsa ntchito milimo yosepula komanso njerwa zofukiza.

Poiwonera patali nyumbayi imaoneka ngati inamangidwa pamanda chifukwa pamalopa panali mitengo yochuluka yomwe inazungulira nyumbayi. Manong'onong'o am'makuka anali kufalikira kuti kale malowa panali pa manda a akaidi nthawi imeneyo likulu lisanasamukire kumzinda. Ngakhale kuti tsindwi la nyumbayo linali lochititsa kaso koma chipupa chake chimaphera mphongo pa zaukalamba wanyumbayi kaamba kakuti chinali chothimbilira ndi utsi komanso chokukutika ndi pfumbi.

Zifuyo zinali padzapadza kuzungulira pakhomopo kulondora khomo la mbuye wao koma papheregezi panali potseka zomwe zinapangitsa kuti zifuyozi zizingozungulira nyumbayi kusowa koti mkulowera.

Patalipatali mikhwithi inali kukodolana kusunkhana pamodzi kupanga upo woti mwina chizimalupsa mkugwako kudzaziziritsa dziko ndi ukali wake. Nyengo ngati iyi zilumika za pa dzana mvula imakhala itagwa kale ndipo dowe anali atayamba kufumbira koma malinga ndi kusintha kwa nyengo zinthu sizinalinso monga momwe zinalili kale. Phiri lomwe linali kugwiritsidwa ntchito ngati malo othilirako msembe pano linametedwa mpala ndi nkhanza za wanthu polikha mitengo mosasamala komanso kutentha tchire popanga uzimba.

Likanakhala kale bwenzi mikoko yogona itagundana mitu mkukonza dongosolo loti **mkukapereka** nsembe ndi cholinga chofuna kuwelamutsa mizimu, koma posowa kuti nsembeyo akathira kuti basi pano inangosala ndi mbiri chabe ndipo zinayamba kuiwalika popeza anthu amaganiza kuti kusowa kwa mitengo kunapangitsa mizimu kushatiwa mkusamukira dziko lakutali. Akuluakulu nyengo ngati iyi masiku ano amangoonera m'mwemo monga mwambi wa gulugufe ndipo amangodikira komwe kadze mkomweko chifukwa anali ndi chikhulupiliro choti azimu anawafulatira ndipo nsamuko wao ndi womwe unasintha nyengo ngati banyira pakulikhidwa kwa mitengo.

Anthu onse ozungulira derali akhala akudandaula kaamba kakuchedwa kwa mvula zomwe zinapangitsa kuti anthu amaonekedwe okaikitsa komanso ambiri zao zochesura mvula abwiritsidwe mphiripiri komanso ena anasambitsidwa mu mtsinje wa Nadoko dzuwa likuswa mtengo kuwaminitisa ku khalidwe la untchisilo. Anthu ena aphuma ndi mondokwa anali atanyika kale mbewu zawo m'madzi osukuzira mphale kukonzekera kuti tsiku lomwe mvula idzagwero adzabzale, paja m'mera mpoyamba.

Pabwalo la nyumbayi panali mwala wamphero, lichero lobubudika lomwe munali katatede komwe munali ufa wa nsasi

komanso kanthu kena kamaonekedwe ngati mutu wa nkhekamira.

Posakhalitsa mphezi zinayamba kung'anima ndipo mabingu anali kubangula ngati mkango wolema ndi uzimba mochita kupatsirana monga achitira oimba mabatcha tsiku la sadaka. Mphepo yamwera inaomba monyanyira yomwe inatsogozana ndi kamvula komwe kanangowaza kenako kunakhala bata. Patangopita mphindi zochepa chabe, kunja kunakuta chimdima guu ndipo chimvula chinayamba kulikitika pwa pwa pwa! Anthu aulesi omwe anagwa mphwayi kufolera nyumba zawo adalinda kwaukwau kaamba kakuzengereza kwao popeza madzi anali kuyendelera m'nyumba zawo ndipo anangoti kakasi. Mvula yonga yotereyi ikamagwa makolo anali kuonetsetsa kuti pa nthawi yomwe ikugwa ana awo aunthama malo ofunda. Makolo enanso anali kuopseza ana awo kuti mvula yotere ikamavumba panja pamayenda chi nyauyau chomwe chimatenga ana osewera pa mvula mkukawasiya kumanda. Makolowa amachita izi kuti ana awo asamasewere pa mvula kuopa kudwala chibayo ndipo izi zinapangitsadi kuti nthawi yonga yotere ana onse azikhala ali m'nyumba kuopa kudyedwa ndi nyauyau.

Patangopita kanthawi kochepa mvula ili mkati pakhomo paja panaoneka munthu wina yemwe amaoneka ngati wazingwa ndipo amayenda mozandira ngati chimbayambaya cholema ndi ukali wa gamazula. Munthuyu anasenza mtolo wankhuni komanso m'manja mwake ananyamula kaphukusi komwe kanakulungidwa mkathaulo kothimbilira.

Anayenda pintchapintcha kupita mbali ina yanyumbayi ndipo anaponya mtolo wankhuni uja pakhonde la nyumbayi. Kaamba kaphokoso nkuku komanso nkhang zomwe zinali pakhonde paja zinathawira pamvula koma sizinakhalitsepo ndipo zinabweleranso mbali ina ya khonde la nyumbayi. Kabuduli anaponyeza nsapato za mtundu wa joloza komanso lilemba la

mawangamawanga lomwe linali ndi maonekedwe ngati la nsilikali womenya nkondo ndipo mukhosi mwake munali chisoti cha mlaza chomwe chimazendewera chakunsana. Anayenda molunjika pa khomo kuti alowe koma panali pochinjika. Anapisa mthumba la lilemba lomwe anavala koma mwadzidzi anachita santhi ngati walumidwa ndi tanthalibwe atazindikira kuti mfungulo mulibe. Anapisa m'matumba mwa zovala zonse zomwe anavala koma ayi ndithu mfungulo sanaupeze.

“Kodi ndi chiyani chomwe chikulondora moyo wanga lero?”

Anaziyanikhulira yekha uku akupukutsa mutu ndi mkwiyo, mwina m'dima womwe amaufunsawo unali ndi yankho la funso lake koma ayi ndithu.

Kabuduli anavula lilemba lija mkulikuntha kuti mwina mkutheka ngati mfungulo uja unakoleka penapake ugwe pansi koma ayi sizinatero. Popeza anali atanyowa komanso kuzizidwa sanafunenso kuchedwa ndi ku sakasaka mfungulowo. Posakhalitsa anasolola kachitsulo kazimbiri kochindikala ngati mkombaphala komwe anakasomeka ku mphaso ndipo anakalowesa mwa mphanvu komanso mokakamiza mu mphakophako mwa chitseko kuyandikira pomwe panali namphatika. Ananyamulira m'mwamba mwa mphanvu chitseko chija ndipo posakhalitsa pananveka kuti gwembwere! Ka chitsulo kofinimpha kokhala ndi m'bowo pakati kanagwera pansi. Namphatika uja anathyoka ndipo chitseko chija chinatseguka.

Atangolowa m'nyumba muja ndi mlingo wa mkono umodzi, anaima ngati mlenje wonvetsera kulira kwa mphalapala kwinaku akufwentheza kuti anvetsetse kuti pfungo logonthetsa mfundo lomwe amanvalo linali la chiyani.

Posakhalitsa anathamangira kuchipinda komwe anakoleza moto kuja ndipo atafika sanachedwe koma kuphula mphika womwe anateleka pamoto. Atavundukula anapeza kuti nzama

zonse zili makala okhaokha. Anachilikuka mofooka uku atagwira mchiuno mochita ngati akukakamizidwa ndi munthu yemwe wamulozetsa mpaliro wa ulembe ndipo ataimilira anangoomba msonyo kuno ndi uko kenako mkupita pa pheringezi kukachotsa chomwe anatsekera kuti zifuyo zija zilowe. Atatsekula anatuluka panja kukakusa zifuyo zija kuti zidzalowe. Nkhuku sizinavute kulowa koma ntchito inali polimbana ndi nkhangha. Anasolora udzu pa tsindwi la nyumba ija mkumakusira nkhangha zija mokakamiza kuti zilowe. Molimbana zinalowa koma nkhangha imodzi yokha inaonetsa kukula chiwindi kuti sikufuna kulowa mokakamiza ndipo m'malo mwake inaulukira mu ka nthambi ka mtengo wa masuku mkukhala momwemo. Kabuduli sanafune kulimbana nayo popeza anali atatopa kaamba kakuti nkhangayo linali khalidwe lake kugona mumtengo.

Anayenda mkupita pomwe panali lichero paja mkukatengamo kanthu kooneka ngati mutu wa nkhakamira kaja kenako anatenganso katatede komwe munali ufa wa nsasi kaja. Atakanyamula m'manja anaona kuti ufa uja unali phala lokhalokha kaamba kakunyowa ndipo anakaponya pansi mokupsa mtima kenako anakamenya theche ndi mwendo wamanzere mkukatayira kuyandikira kudzala. Momwe anakamenyera katatede kaja, malingaliro anamutengera ku masiku aunyamata wake nthawi imeneyo akukankha chikopa ngati wotchinga kumbuyo. Ataganiza mofatsa za kufunika kwa katatede kaja, anapita mkukakatola monyinyirika mkukalowa nako m'nyumba. Ndipo atalowa, Anangoyenda mwakachetechete mkukakhala pa ndakhutandalema wake mkumaothera moto. Malingana ndi ulendo wolemetsa womwe anali nawo komanso m'mimba mwake munali mukulira malikhweru, maganizo ofuna kuphika kadaundamadzi anali naye kutali. M'malo mwake anangopita pomwe anasomeka chiwamba mkuyamba kukhwasula.

Kabuduli amakhala yekha ndipo anthu ena amkamwa mowora amamudya miseche kuti ndi chiyendayekha. Analibe nzake weniweni kaamba kakuti samafuna kucheza ndi anthu komanso ena amamusala kaamba kamaonekedwe ake. Anali ndi linunda lomwe anthu ambiri amafalitsa kuti linabwera chifukwa chakuti nthawi yomwe anali wachisodzera anaba nsuluru wowindika. Nkhaniyi imakambidwa kuti pa nthawi yomwe Kabuduli anali ka m'nyamata ka nthete, amafuna kukwatira mudzi wina woyandikana ndi mudzi wao. Potengera chikhalidwe chawo, amayenera kupereka chamudzi komanso kuphatikizapo nsuluru umodzi wa mbuzi. Ndiyeno ataona kuti kupata kwake mkochepekedwa anaganiza kuti akamuyereze m'maso Mafukeni. Mafukeni anali mwini kantini m'mudzimo koma sanali munthu wamba kaamba kakuti anali wokhulupilira zitsamba. Kabuduli tsiku lomwe anakathyola khola la Mafukeni madzulo ake anayamba kunva kuwawa nsana kenako anatuluka chitupira chomwe chinakula mkukhala linunda.

Ngakhale kuti nkhaniyi imakambidwa ndi anthu ambiri m'mudzi wonse koma linali bodza lamkunkhuniza kaamba kakuti linundalo linali chibadwa osati ngati momwe amakambira anthu.

Ali mkati monvetsera kuzuna kwa chiwamba chija kunanveka kaphokoso pa chitseko. Atanvetsera bwino anaona kuti pali wina yemwe amagogoda ndipo anatsutsumwa popeza sanayembekezere kuti wina mkubwera kunyumba kwake mu mphindi za m'dima ngati izi.

“Go go go! Njuzi mulipo kodi mkatimo.”

Kugogoda kuja kunapitilira motsogozana ndi mau omwe anabwera ngati pfunso.

“Kodi Kanene ukundilondorabe? Supada lako sindinabe ndinachita kutola pa mphambano ndipo ndakupatsa ndiyeno ndi chiyani ukufunanso usiku ngati uno....?”

Kabuduli anayankhula molilima ndipo ali mkati moyankhula kunanvekanso kuyankhula zomwe zinamudula mau mkamwa.

“Njuzi musathe mau ndine Kafamtaye osati ngati momwe mukuyankhuliramo.”

Anayankha motero Kafamtaye uku akutsokomola.

“Ehewu! Pepani Kafa kungoti penapake chidzulo chino zinthu sizikundiyendera. Tangokankha chitsekocho ndangobweza kuopera mphepo sindinakhoma.”

Kafamtaye anayesera kukankha mwamphanvu chitseko chija kuti alowe koma anakanika ndipo atalema anamuuza Kabuduli kuti chitsekocho ndi chokhoma.

Kabuduli sanafunenso kuchedwa ndi zoyankhula koma anangodzuka mkupita mkukatsitsa namphatika ndipo atangotero chitseko chija chinatsekuka.

Kafamtaye anali m’nyamata wachisodzera ndipo anali munthu m’modzi yekhayo mudzi wonse wa Nsekeya yemwe amacheza ndi Kabuduli.

M’matandakucha pa nthawi yomwe Kabuduli amakonzeka ulendo wake wopita ku Tchaini, anatsekulira zifuyo zake ndipo ataziwerenga anapeza kuti zikuperewerapo ziwiri ndipo atawerenganso anazindikira kuti nkhangazidwa ziwiri palibe. Sanadabwe kaamba kakuti nkhangazidwa zake zinali ndi chizolowezi chogona m’mitengo. Kabuduli powona khalidwe la mwendanjira lomwe nkhangazidwa zinali kuchita, anaganiza zotsitsa dovu ndipo anayamba kusaka nkhangazidwa zija kuti apheko mkukhwasula.

Anazungulira nyumba koma sanazipeze ndipo sanafunenso kuzichedwetsa koma kuuyatsa ulendo wake. Ali mkati mwa ulendo wake wopita ku Tchaini kuja kuti akazonde tchana chomwe anafetsa sabata limodzi lapitalo, anazindikira kuti waiwala kutenga moto wokatchisira matutu. Anadya mutu kenako anatembenuka mkubwelera ndipo atafika pa nyumba paja anapeza nkhangha zija zikusewera mumtengo. Apanso sanachedwe koma kuyamba kuthamangitsa nkhangha zija popeza anadziwa kuti mwayi ndi womwewo. Atayamba kuthamangitsa nkhangha zija, imodzi inaulukira tsidya lina la mtsinje mkukaima pachulu ndipo apa Kabuduli anadziwa kuti kuzigwira ndi ntchito yolemetsa. Nkhangha imodzi inabisala kuseli kwa zikunje za udzu ndipo Kabuduli anaimbwandira ngati mphaka wanjala koma mwatsoka inamupulumuka mkuthawa ndipo nthenga zinamusosokera m'manja. Kabuduli sanagonje koma kuithamangitsabe kuti ione mpeni koma anadabwa powona liwiro lomwe linaponyedwa mu timiyendo ta kachiwetoko. Inali ndi liwiro loremetsa komanso lodzidziritisa minyewa ndipo izi zinapangitsa kuti Kabuduli aleke kuthamangitsa nkhangayo.

“Njuzi mukuoneka wotopatu m'mawa ngati uno.”

Balamanthu, panatulukira Kafamtaye.

“Ndimathamangitsa nkhangha ya ka mphulusa ikuoneka apoyo koma ndalema nayo.”

Anayankha motero Kabuduli thukuta liri kamukamu.

“Haha Njuzi inu mumaganiza kuti nkhangha mungaigwire mophweka chotero?”

Kafamtaye anafunsa moseleura.

“Ndinangoiwala dzulo kuigwira italowa m'nyumba ndiyeno lero ndimangoyesera koma ndaona kuti liwiro langa lili kutali. Zinalipo nkhangha zinayi koma ziwiri zinajiwa pano zatsalanso

ziwiri koma sizikugona m’nyumba ndiye ndangoganiza kuti ndingozionetsa mpeni.”

Anafotokoza motero Kabuduli.

“Ngakhale ili ndi liwiro lothodwetsa koma potengera ndi liwiro langa mutakhala kuti mwandipatsa mpata ndikhoza kuibantha malipande ochepa.”

Anazitamandira Kafantaye.

“Tatiye ndionere iwe, ine ndalema.”

Anamupatsa chilorezo ndipo asanamalize kuyankhula Kafamtaye anali ataliyatsa kale liwiro la pfumbi kuthamangitsa nkhanganga ija. Patangopita mphindi zochepa kunanveka kulira kuseli kwa nyumba ndipo Kafamtaye anali kubwera potero nkhanganga ija ili m’manja.

“Iwedi ndi mnyamata woepuka miyendo ndatha kuona.”

Kabuduli anayankhula motero ndipo anali wodabwa kaamba kakuti Kafamtaye sanaivutikire kuigwira.

“Paja ndakuuzani Njuzi kuti ine ndi m’nyamata woepuka miyendo. Mau anga ali ngati galu wamkota sakandira pachabe mwaonatu. Nkhanganga ndi imeneyi tengani ine sindikuchedwa ulendowu mkupita pa Chithembere, paja kwa a Gwaza kuli kantchewa ndiye andituma kuti ndikawabudulire nsonga za mkesha wonyalira kuti afukizire udzudzu usiku uno.”

Anafotokoza Kafantaye uku akuzichotsa munga womwe unamubaya ku chidendene.

“Ine ndikulore upite koma chidzulo chino ubwere ndidzakuphazulireko phikoli.”

Kabuduli anatero.

“Haha Njuzi musaiwaletu paja kuti mnthanga kunena adapitsa nazo likongwe wa apongozi.”

Kafamtaye anayankhula uku akuseka posakhulupilira zomwe Kabuduli anamuuza.

“Bwera ndithu wagwira ntchito Kafa.”

Anatsimikiza Kabuduli.

“Chabwino nditero Njuzi ndifika. Koma ndikukhulupilira kuti ngakhale simumakonda kuyenda koma ku bwalo lero mukapezeka.”

Kafamtaye anayankhula kwinaku akusaka nsana wa njira.

“Ku bwalo kulinji?”

Anafunsa modabwa Kabuduli.

“Paja lero mfumu ikukagamula mulandu wa kumanda uja.”

Kafamtaye anapitilira kuyankhula motero.

“Ndinangonva monyalapsa kuti pang’onong’ono Kanene akanaphula ngozi kokumba manda paja ine sindinapite ndinali ndili kunsuma.”

“Eya ndi momwemo. Mundilore ndipite chidzulo chino ndidzakubenthulirani thunthu la nkhani yonse.”

Kafamtaye ndi Kabuduli anatsanzikana motero.

Atasiyana Kabuduli anaikonza nkhang a ija mkuitsomola kumpani. Pa nthawi yomwe amaisamalira nkhang a ija, Kabuduli anapeza dzira lochilimira m’mimba mwa nkhangayo. Sanali odabwa ndi dziralo popeza chiyambire kuweta nkhangazo sanayambe waonapo imodzi mwa nkhangazo ikuikira koma m’malo mwake amangowona yatsotsola ikutulukira poteropo ana ali yambakata m’mbalimu. Malingaliro oyamba kusakasaka malo omwe amaikira nkhangayo anamubwelera ndipo anaziyankhulira yekha kuti akabwera komwe akupitako alowa ntchire kuyamba kusakasaka. Popeza anali akudziwa kuti ku Tchaini komwe akupitako akakhalako dzuwa linolino,

anaiwamba mkuidzodza tsabola. Kumpani kuja chiwamba chija chinali kuyendelera mafuta kaamba kakunona ndipo Kabuduli anadziwa kuti kukhwasula kwa msagwadamu kulipo. Atamaliza zonse anauyamba ulendo wake koma pa nthawiyi dzuwa linali litakwera ndithu.

Kabuduli anamulodzera Kafamtaye chikuni cha mkunguza kuti akhalire popeza chikumba chinali chitanyowa mbali imodzi ndi mvula yomwe imadonthera motsinira malo omwe chinali.

“Njuzi ndimada nkhawa munjiramu ndimaona ngati sindikupezani kapena mwaba kale tulo malingana ndi nyengoyi.”

Kafamtaye anatero uku akukhala pansi.

“Pangopita nthawi yochepa chabe sukanandipezadi inenso mkufika kumene uku. Malonje Kafa.”

Kabuduli anamuyankha Kafamtaye kwinakunso akumulonjera.

“Ndi kwabwino kunsewuku palibe koti mkuwilingura nako kaya inu Njuzi.”

“Moyo ndi womwewu pang’onopang’ono masiku akupita kuchingamira tsiku la m’dima.”

Kabuduli anayankha motero akuoneka wodandaula.

“Njuzi mukuyankhula motani pamenepa?”

Kafamtaye anafunsa kaamba kamayankhidwe a Kabuduli komanso anakwanitsa kuwerenga zomwe zinali m’malingaliro a Kabuduli kudzera mu masinya omwe analemba pa chipumi pake omwe anagwetsa nkhope yake.

“Ndikuyankhula bwanji, tsiku la m’dima palibe angalithawe. Ukalamba wanga ndaona zinthu zambiri m’moyowu. Tisathere gaga m’diwa limodzi, tandiuza kunali bwanji kubwalo.”

“Kanene walamuridwa nsoti umodzi komanso tsiku ndi tsiku azipita kukalambura kumanda mpaka Kamtosi adzachire. Kamtosi popeza ndi yemwe adavulara kwambiri pa mkanganowo, amfumukazi angolamura kuti akawaswere mphanje munda wao womwe uli ku Mwaaya uja akadzachira.”

Analongosora motero Kafamtaye.

“Kodi mpaka pamenepo? Tsoka la Kamtosi ndi longa la mfutso lomka pamoto kawiri.”

Kabuduli anaphera mphongo.

“Mukutanthauzanji pamenepa?”

Anafunsa Kafamtaye posanvetsa.

“Nanga taona amuvulaza komanso chilango chamugwera. Ndichiyani kwenikweni chomwe chinadetsa madzi kuti mvuwu zisambire mchithaphwi kumandako?”

Anafunsa modabwa Kabuduli.

“Tsiku lomwe Gogobaa anatsamira mkono, monga mukudziwa kuti amfumukazi analamura kuti anyamata onse m’mudzi muno azikapezeka kokumba manda, kumeneku ndi komwe mkanganowu unachitikira. Pa nthawi yomwe adzukululu anali mkati momanga nyumba yomaliza ya gogowathu, Kamtosi monga mukudziwa kuti ndi wobooka mkamwa, anayamba kuphulitsa mtchezere. Anamucheza Kanene moseleura kuti ndi wofooka kusubi ndipo sangathe kugwetsa bere la msikana. Nthawiyi mkuti Kanene ali mu njiliri kukumba mwa mphanvu paja malo anatha kumanda kuja ndiyeno anthu ayamba kulowera cha ku nagaga kuja. Kanene atanva izi zinamutsukunya mtima koma sanaonetsere mkwiyo wake. Kamtosi anaiwala kuti kudokonya bvumbwe mkulinga uli ndi nkhuu koma m’malo mwake ataona phwete lomwe linafwamphuka pamalopo zinamupatsa mangolomera ndipo anapitilira kuphulitsa ntchezere zina uku akutendera kuti Kanene ndi phungu sataya nthenga ndi chifukwa chake

sakukwatira. Kuyankhula uku kunadzetsa phwete pwe pwe pwe!

Apa Kanene sanaugwire mtima, anamudumphira Kamtosi mkumugwira kholingo mkumugwetsera munjiliri muja. Kanene anamufwifwinyiza Kamtosi pansu uku akumuthira nkhondo ndipo anthu atazindikira kuti tonde wadula, anayesa kuleretsa koma momwe Kanene amamusiya nzake uja mkuti atakomoka. Akuluakulu omwe anali pamolopo anachita chisi kaamba kamalodzawo. Popeza nkhanu ndi ka mnyamata, kumudzi anthu mbiri inawapeza kuti Kanene wathyola kholingo Kamtosi. Amfumu atanva izi analamura anthu kuti mwambo wa maliro upitilire ndipo mulanduwo adzaunva tsiku lometa. Zitatero aliyense mapilikaniro anali kunjira kudikilira kuti azanve chigamulo. Umu ndi momwe zinakhala Njuzi.”

Anafotokoza motero Kafamtaye.

Kabuduli anakhala ka nthawi osayankhulapo kanthu. Akuti aziyankhula anayamba kutsokomola ngati kanthu kena kamupitilira kukhosi. Anatsokomola kwa ndithundithu kenako anadzuka mkutuluka panja. Nthawiyi mkuti Kafamtaye akujegweda chiwamba ngati fisi wanjala wodya kofa kokha. Posakhalitsa Kabuduli analowa atanyamula masamba m’manja kenako anapita mumphika womwe unali kuseli kwa chitseko mkutengamo kamtsitsi. Anatenga masamba aja pamodzi ndi mtsitsi uja mkutsinikiza m’manja kenako anaponya mkamwa kuyamba kutafuna.

“Njuzi ndi chani mukutafuna mutanyansitsa nkhope?”

Pa chipumi pa Kabuduli panasonkhana masinya omwe anadza kaamba kakunyunya kwa zomwe amatafunazo. Pfungo lomwe limanveka nthawi yomwe Kabuduli amatafuna limatsendera pa zakanyunyidwe kake. Atamaliza kutafuna anamwera madzi kenako anayankhula.

“Ndi masamba a chilikumwamba ndaphatikiza ndi mtsitsi wa bwemba.”

Kafamtaye sanafunenso kuyankhula popeza nthawi zonse akamacheza ndi Kabuduli sipamalephera kuchititika chinthu chodzetsa bongo bwazi.

Kafamtaye anadziwa kuti kutsokomola kwa Kabuduli kunadza kaamba katsabola yemwe anadzodzedwa pa chiwamba chija. Kabuduli ikafika nthawi yokudya tsabola analibe nzake popeza pena njala ikamukhonyopola amatha kuthebula mkumangotafuna. Kafamtaye ataona kuti Kabuduli wakhazikika anayamba kuyankhula.

“Kodi Njuzi mukukumbukira ku milimo ndinakufunsani kuti ndi chifukwa chiyani mumakhala nokha komanso mulibe m’bale m’mudzimu koma pfunso langa munangonyalapsa mkulipalatsira kutali?”

Anafunsa motero Kafamtaye.

Kunali bata kwa nthawi ndithu zomwe zinamuchititsa jenkha Kafamtaye poganiza kuti mwina pfunso lake ladzetsa mkwiyo kwa Kabuduli.

Kafamtaye ataona kuti sakuyankhidwa anachita mantha kaamba maonekedwe a Kabuduli anasintha ndipo ka msozi kamayendera nzikope za Kabuduli zomwe zinamudulitsa mutu wazizwa Kafamtaye.

“Njuzi mwadwala kodi?”

Kafamtaye anafunsa modabwa.

“Nyemba zikamabwata pamoto anthufe timayesa ngati zilibwino pomwe izo zimakhala zikuthawa ukali wa moto. Dziko la pansi silili ngati momwe anthufe timaganizira. Pali zambiri zomwe zimachitika m’moyo uno zomwe pena zimandipatsa malingaliro aulesi kuti pa dziko la pansi pano angokhala malo osautsira mtima uku tikudikira tsiku la imfa kapena chiweruzo. Ndimananso kuti ngakhale zili choncho, pali ka chinsinsi kena kokhuza moyo uno kamene sikadzavubulutsidwa ku nzeru za munthu mpaka tsiku la chiweruzo.”

Atayankhula mau osanvetsetsekawa, Kafamtaye anapuma mwamphanvu kenako anafunsa.

“Kodi zomwe mwayankhulazi ndi yankho la funso langa? Ngati ndi choncho, palibe komwe kalowa mkhutu ngakhale kam’nusu. Nditanthauzireni.”

“Ndi nkhani yaitali Kafa.”

Anayankha Kabuduli.

“Ndikhumba kuinva lero ndikukhulupiliranso kuti m’mbuyomu munandiuzapo kuti mudzandilongosolera nkhani yaku Mzengeza.”

MUTU 2

DIMA

Mudzi wa a mfumu Nkhangazaona unali wodziwika ndinso wosilirika kaamba ka ukhondo komanso mgwirizano wa anthu omwe amakhala m’mudziwu . Mfumu ya m’mudziwu yomwe imadziwika ndi dzina lakuti Zaona, inali mfumu yolimbikitsa mgwirizano komanso ukhondo. Mfumuyi imapereka mphoto kwa banja lomwe limasamara bwino pakhomu pawo zomwe zimapangitsa kuti nyumba iliyonse ikhale ndi chimbuzi chosamala bwino komanso dzala lomwe limagwiritsidwa ntchito potaira zinyalala. Anthu ena omwe amanyalapsa kuchita zomwe mfumu inali kulamura amalandira chilango komanso

kulipitsidwa chindaputsa. Nyumba za mudziwu zinali kuwala patali chifukwa cha nsiro wa utoto wowala womwe azimayi anali kugwiritsa ntchito pozira nyumba zawo. Nthawi zonse anthu akamaliza kuyambara nkhokwe zawo kumakhala magule kuyamika Mulungu chifukwa cha zokolora zawo. Anthu okhala midzi yozungulira mudziwu anali kusilira machitachita awanthu okhala m'mudzi wa Nkhangazaona.

Banja lathu silimakhala losangalala kwenikweni kaamba ka kudwaladwala kwa bambo anga. Nthenda yamwera yomwe inawakadamira kwa zilumika zingapo ndi yomwe imawasautsa zomwe zimachititsa kuti chimwemwe cha banja lathu chikhale chotsinira. Mchimwene wanga yemwe anali chithwango nayenso anali bwenzi la mphasa ndipo nthenda zinayesa thupi lake ngati posewelera. Ngakhale kuti zinali chomwechi komabe pakakhala kuti pali magule kapena sadaka chimwemwe chimadza nsaya popeza kuimba ndi kuvina sikumachoka nyengo ngati imeneyi. Mayi anga anali wodziwika m'mudzi wonse komanso midzi yozungulira kaamba ka luso lawo lodziwa kuotcha tsitsi. Anali kuitanidwa ku zinamwali ngakhalenso m'maukwati kuti akaotche tsitsi ndipo ena powathokoza amawapatsa zifuyo, mbewu penanso khobidi.

Bambo anga anali kugwira ntchito ku Mzengeza ya usilikali. Pa nthawi yomwe anali kugwira ntchito pa khomo pathu panali pa mwanaalirenji koma kaamba ka nthenda yawo yamwera anawapumitsa zomwe zinapangitsa kuti thandizo likhale lochepa pakhomo pathu. Chinanso chomwe chinapangitsa kuti bambo anga apumitsidwe pa ntchito chinali chakuti pa nthawi yomwe amagwira ntchito bwanamkubwa yemwe analipo anatsamira mkono ndiyeno m'malo mwake kunabwera wina. Bwanamkubwa wachilendoyi anabwera ndi miphika yomwe ndipo anali wankhanza komanso wonva zake zokha. Bambo anga anali kutsutsana naye mu zambiri zomwe zinamupangitsa kuwachotsa ntchito. Ngakhale kuti zinali chomwecho, pakhomo

pathu sipamadutsa galu wakuda popeza nkhokwe zimakhala zodzadza chifukwa banja lathu linali lolimbikira ulimi. Ndiwo za nyama zimachita kusinthana mumphika chifukwa chakuti ndinali mlenje. Ngakhale kuti bambo anga anali kupeza zonse zofunikira pakhomu koma ine ndimazilimbikiranso pandekha paja kumbire adamka nazo. Nthawi zonse ndimati ndikatsanzika kuti ndikupita ku uzimba anthu amadziwa kuti ngati zingavuteko kabwanda kokha sikalephera. Mudzi wonse umadziwa kuti ngati kunali mlenje wodalirika ndinali ine kaamba ka ukadaulo omwe ndinali nawo ku uzimba. Uchandamale womwe ndinali nawo pakaponyedwe ka mkondo ndi zomwe zimapangitsa kuti uzimba wanga uzikhala wopambana.

Tsiku lina ndili ku ulenje kunachitika chinthu chimene chinandidulitsa phazi ku uzimba. Tsiku limeneli ndinatengana ndi Magube mkuubusa ulendo wa ku uzimba dzuwa likusuzumira cha kum'mawa. Galu wanga yemwe ndinamutcha dzina lakuti Zilipano tinapita naye limodzi. Tinayenda mtunda wautali osaonako ngakhale tchete kuti mkuponyera mkondo ndipo tinayenda mkutopa malingaliro ofuna kupumira uzimba anatibwelera ndipo tinakhala pansu pa mtengo wa mwanga kuti mphepo itipite uku tikubulubunya matowo ndi nthema. Tinakhala kwa nthawi ndithu mpaka tulo tinayamba kuzembelera zomwe zinapangitsa kuti tiyambe kungwindima kenako posakhalitsa tinagona tulo toiwalitsa uzimba. Pa nthawi yomwe timagona Zilipano anali maso bungazibungazi kupenyetsetsa ndipo tinalibe nkhawa popeza timadziwa kuti tili ndi mulonda wathu. Tili mkati mogona kunanveka chiphokoso ndipo ine ponvetsera ndinangonyalapsa poyesa ndimalota ndipo sindinafunenso kudulira tulo popeza kamphepo koyazira komwe kamapemelera ka mpweya ka chinyontho kanapangitsa kuti tulo linyong'omere. Phokoso lija linapitilira kenako posakhalitsa ndinadzuka ndikunjenjera ndipo kunjenjemera kuja kunakula nditaona zomwe zimachitikazo. Panali chindewu

cha pfumbi pakati pa Zilipano ndi nkhandwe zinayi zomwe zinali kumenyana ndipo magari anali paliponse. Ndinathamanga kukamudzutsa Magube kuti tionere limodzi ndipo nayenso atadzuka anali odabwa ndi zomwe zimachitikazo. Momwe chindewucho chinalili kuyesa kuleretsa ndi ukali wa nkhandwezo kunali kovuta ndipo m'malomwake pofuna kuziteteza tinakwera mu mtengo wa mwanga uja. Chindewu chija chinapitilira zomwe zinapangitsa kuti tiyambe kunva chisoni chifukwa Zilipano nkondo inamukulira. Maganizo ofuna kutsika mkukaleretsa chindewu cha pfumbi chija anandidzera kuiwala za tsoka sasimba ndipo nditamuuza nzanga uja anakana kwa mtu wagalu kuti kutero mkuika moyo wathu kuchisakano kwa zilombozo. Nkhandwe imodzi inalumidwa pakhosi ndi zilipano ndipo inalira mwaukali kusonyeza kuti ikunva uluru wambiri kenako inaleka mkugwa pansi magari ali chuchuchu ndipo inafera pomwepo. Zilipano analimba nazo koma mphanvu zinachepa ndipo inalumidwa mwendo zomwe zinapangitsa kuti agwe pansi mkuyamba kulira kusonyeza kuti ali pa ululu woopsa. Izi zinamuchititsa nzanga uja kumva chisoni kenako anadumphira pa mwala wa nsangalabwi mkutola miyala kuyamba kugenda zilombo zija. Izi zinachitika kwa nthawi yochepa ndipo nkhandwe zija zitaona kuti zikugendedwa zinathamangira komwe kunali nzanga uja mkumusiya Zilipano ali thapsa thupi lonse magari okhaokha ndipo panthawiyi anali asakufulukuta ngakhale kulira. Nzanga uja ataona kuti nkhandwe zija zikubwera analiyasa liwiro mwamwayi anakwanitsa kukhulumbira kamthambi ka mtengo wina mkukwera koma movuta kwambiri ndipo izi zinapangitsa kuti nkhandwe imodzi imudumphire mkumukhazula katumba. Analira ndi ululu koma anakakamirabe ka nthambi kaja ndipo anakwera koma akubuula kwambiri. Momwe zimachitika zonsezi misozi inali kutsetseleka mu akaozera a mzikope zanga kulilira Zilipano. Nzanga uja atakwanitsa kukwera nkhandwe zija zinali kuthamanga kulowera uku mkutulukira uko dovu likuchucha ndipo kenako zinathamangiranso pomwe panali Zilipano paja mkuyamba kukhazulirana. Misozi ija inachulukira

nditamuona Zilipano ali mkamwa mwa zilombo zolusazi komanso mkuwo wa nzanga uja unaonjezera mpaka nanenso ndinayamba kubuma ngati kwagwa zovuta. Panapita nthawi kenako zilombo zija zinanva kulira kwa gweyani mbali ina ya tchirelo ndipo zinathamangira kumeneko. Maganizo ofuna kutsika mumtengo muja anandifikira koma poganizira za nkhanza za zilombo zija miyendo yanga inachita konye. Mozikakamiza ndinatsika ndipo nzanga uja anatsikanso koma mayendedwe anamuvuta chifukwa cha uluru komanso kutupa kwa mwendo uja. Ndinamuza kuti akhale pansi pa mtengo panthawi yomwe ndimakumba ka bwenje kugwiritsa ntchito supada lomwe ndinali nalo kuti ndikwilirepo tizidutswa tathupi la Zilipano. Molimba mtima ndinakwanitsa kutero ndipo ndinapita pomwe panali nzanga uja mkukamubereka mkuwuyatsa wa kumudzi. Malingaliro odula phazi ku uzimba anamanga nthenje ndipo ndinayankhula kumuza nzanga uja kuti sindidzapitanso ku uzimba. Nditafika naye nzanga uja kumudzi anthu anali odabwa ataona ndikubwera potero nditamubereka zomwe sizinachitikepo ndipo nditamutsitsa ndinazindikira kuti anali atakomoka ndi uluru. Akuluakulu anandifunsa kuti ndiwauze momwe nzangayo wavulalira komanso ngati ndi chilombo chomwe chamupweteka ndiwauze mwachangu dzina la chilombocho kuti asake mankhwala ake. Nditawalongosolera anandiuza kuti ndikhazike mtima pansi ndipo nzangayo anamuthandiza koma ananditsimikizira kuti ndisadzapitanso ku uzimba. Ndipo kuyambira tsiku limeneli ndinaduladi phazi ku uzimba kaamba ka mantha omwe ndinali nawo ndikakumbukira zomwe maso anga anapenya ndipo ndikakumbukira zomwe zinachitika pa tsikuli, pfungo la uwende limakhala likuyenda mkati mwa bongo wanga.

Madzulo a tsiku limeneli bambo anga anandituma kupita ku kamtini kuti ndikagule mafuta omwe timagwiritsa ntchito pounikira koloboyi. Ndinathamanga chifukwa pa nthawiyi

nthalo inali ili pamoto ndiye sindinafunenso kuchedwa chifukwa ndiwo zake zinali nkhlululu zomwe mchemwali wanga anakafula kudambo ndi anzake ndiye ndinali kuzikonda kwambiri. Nthawi zambiri pakhomu pathu pakaphikidwa nkhlululu ndinali kuthebuliratu tsabola kuti mbamu ikatsike bwino chifukwa kudya ndiwo zotere opanda tsabola sikumandikomera. Anthu akwathu amandidandaula chifukwa cha khalidwe langa lodya tsabola moonjeza komanso ndinali ndi khalidwe lokonda kudya ndiwo zokhatitsa mchere. Ndikakhala kuti ndasiyako ndiwo zomwe ndimadya palibe yemwe amakhala ndi malingaliro ofuna kumalizitsa chifukwa amadziwa kuti ndi zodzadza mchere komanso tsabola. Ndinathamanga ulendo wanga wa ku Kantini ndipo nditagula sindinachedwenso koma kutembenuka ngati nguli kubwelera kwathu.

Nditafika ndinapeza anthu onse akhala mozungulira wailesi kunvera nkhani. Mudzi wonse wa Nkhangazaona munali wailesi ziwiri zokha basi ndiyeno madzulo uliwonse anthu a mudziwu anali kukhamukira kwathu enanso kwa amfumu kuti akanvereko nkhani. Ndinali ndi mafunso opanda mayankho chifukwa kwathu yemwe amakonda kunvera nkhani anali bambo anga okha koma patsikuli banja lonse kuphatikizapo anthu ena oyandikana nawo anali pomwepo kunvetsera. Ndinafika ndi phokoso ndipo ndisanamalize kuyankhula zomwe ndimafuna bambo anga anandidula mondiopseza kuti ndikhale chete ndikuwatsonokeza akunvera nkhani. Ndinayenda mwa kachete chete mkukalowa mnyumba kukathira mafuta aja mu koloboyi uja kenako mkumuyatsa kutuluka naye panja kukafika pomwe anthu amanvera wailesi paja. Bambo anga ataona kuti ndayatsa koloboyi uja mkutuluka naye panja anandidzadzira mkundiiza kuti ndibwelere naye mnyumba chifukwa kuwala kwa mwezi kunali kokwanira. Ndinatero kenako ndinapita pomwe anthu anali kunvera nkhani paja kuti ndikanvere nawo kuopa za m'maluwa. Nthawi zambiri sindimakhala ndi chidwi

chofuna kunvera nkhani pa wailesi chifukwa ndimaona ngati nkhani zake zimakhala ntchetera chabe.

“Zizindikiro za nthendayi ndi kutsokomola komanso zilonda za pakhosi. Ngakhale kuti nthenda ya Khomfide ndi yopanda mankhwala koma ndi yopeweka ndipo azaumoyo alamura kuti aliyense azikhala motalikirana ndi nzake, tipewe kupatsana chanza, tizisamba m’manja pafupipafupi ndi sopo komanso aliyense azivala chitambaya kumaso.” Adatero yemwe amawerenga nkhaniyo.

Titamaliza kunvera nkhanizo aliyense anangoti kakasi kumangoyang’anizana wina ndi nzake kusowa choyankhula. Nkhanizo ndinangopezera kumapeto ndiye ndinafunsa kuti ndidziwe chomwe chachitika.

“Kodi nthenda yomwe akuti ndi yopanda mankhwalayi ndiye itinso?”

“Akuti kwabuka muliri wa nthenda yopanda mankhwala yomwe ikutchulidwa kuti Khomfide.” Anayankha motero mayi anga.

“Haha inetu ndi chifukwa chake sindimakonda kunvera nkhani zanuzi nanga taonani akuti nthenda yopanda mankhwala, akulengezawo aziwa bwanji kuti ilibe mankhwala? Ngati akuti nthendayi ndi ya chilendo nanga dzina la nthendayi alitenga kuti? Bodza lokhalokha cholinga chawo akufuna tileke kupasana moni awa. Musaiwale paja kuti anatileketsa kudya nkhanu lero ndi awa abweranso ndi bodza lina.”

Ndinayankhula motero uku phwete lili pakamwa chifukwa cha nkhani za bodzazo.

“Iwe Kabuduli bodza mkulilengeza pa wailesi kodi?”

Anafunsa motero bambo anga.

“Nthenda ikhala bwanji yopanda mankhwala mitengo yonse baba? Mukukumbukira miyezi yapitayo pa wailesi panupo analengeza kuti kubwera m’dima dziko lonse la pansi, m’dima nanga umanenedwawo unabwera?” Ndinayankhula

mozitukumula ngati finye kuwatsimikizira kuti ndi bodza chabe sizingatheke kukhala mthenda yopanda mankhwala.

Nditamaliza kuyankhula panalibenso yemwe anandiyankha koma m'malo mwake aliyense anangodzuka mkusasa kumatako mkuchokapo. Mchemwali wanga yemwe amaphika chakudya atamaliza anabweretsa pomwe tinali ndipo tonse tinadya mkukagona. Tsiku limeneli aliyense yemwe ananverako nkhani anali ndi nkhawa polingalira za nthenda yopanda mankhwalayi.

M'matandakucha ndili mkafe ndinangonva kutsukunyidwa paphewa. Chizirezire cha tulo chinandipangitsa kugalamuka ngati muguzamo mwalowa kasongo. Nditadzuka ndinazindikira kuti anali amayi anga omwe amandidzutsa.

“Anzako akonzeka kale akukudikira panjapo.”

Anayankhula motero ndipo nthawiyi mkuti nditakhala chatsonga pa muluru womwe ndimagonera uku nditazikulunga ndi guza.

“Anzanga akonzeka kuti tipite kuti m'mawa ngati uno?”

“Ndabwereka kale njinga fulumira paja mawa kuli dima la a Filipino ndiye mukuyenera kupita ku Mzengeza kukasiya gawo komanso kukatenga kalata ya chilorezo.”

Analongosola motero amayi.

“Kodi ndi chifukwa chiyani kukakhala zochitika Mzungu amayenera kudziwitsidwa komanso kupatsidwa gawo? Ine sindikondwa nazo zimenezi ulendo uno sindipita nawo.”

Ndinayankhula mokupsa mtima uku ndikuzivundikira muguza kuti ndipheko tulo tomaliza kaamba kunja kunali kuli chisanu.

“Iwe Kabuduli tangodzuka upite ndi anzako usawachedwetse.”

Anayankhula motero amayi anga kenako sanafunenso kulimbana nane anangotuluka mkumakapanga zina.

Ndinadzuka mozikakamiza nsunamo zili kuno kutuluka panja ndipo ndinapeza anzanga anayi ali dero kundidikilira aliyense atanyamula kamba wake wapaulendo. Ndinabweleranso kukavala jasi kuopera mphepo chifukwa kunja kunali kutakuta chisanu. Ndikutuluka panja ndinangolingana ndi amayi anga atanyamula ka phukusi komwe anakakulunga pa kampango kobilwira mkundipatsira. Sindinafunse kuti ndi chani chifukwa ndinali ndikudziwa kale kuti mkaphukusiko mwakulungidwa kamba wanga. Ulendo wa ku Mzengeza unayambika ndipo tinadutsira kwa amfumu komwe anatipatsira gawo lomwe anthu a mudzi mwathu anachita nsonkhasonkha ndipo linakwana thumba ndi theka. Titamasula thumba lodzadza lija tinapeza kuti munali chimanga ndipo theka lija munali mpunga. Popeza unali ulendo wautali komanso pofuna kuchepetsa kulemeredwa, tinagawa aliyense mkunyamulako kenako mkuuyamba ulendo.

Ku Mzengeza unali mtunda wautali ndithu umene kutchalira njinga kumatenga theka la tsiku. Kumeneku ndi komwe kumakhala mkubwa ndipo ena anali kutchulako kuti ku mzinda. Mkubwa yemwe analipo pa nthawiyi anali wa chilendo yemwe anachokera dziko lakutali ndipo kaamba kamaonekedwe ake anthu anali kumutchula kuti Muzungu. Muzungu ameneyi anali opanda chibwana ndipo amagwiritsa ntchito mphanvu zomwe anali nazo kupanga chilichonse chomkomera iye. Anthu anali kudandaula koma dandaulo lawo silimanveka chifukwa chakuti munthu aliyense amene anali kutsutsana naye amakamutsekera ku malo ena omwe anawakonza kuti azizunzirako anthu opalamura milandu yosiyansiyana omwe amadziwika kuti ku Angala. Munthu amati akangopalamura mkumutumiza ku Mzengeza anthu amadziwiratu kuti basi akukaona chomwe chinaning'itsa mavu.

Midzi yonse yozungulira dera limeneli anali kulamuridwa ndi Muzungu. Mudzi uliwonse kukakhala zochitika ngati ukwati, magule, chinamwali, dima ngakhale maliro anali kupita

kukamudziwitsa Muzungu ndipo anali kupereka kalata wa chilorezo. Popita kokatenga kalata ameneyi mudzi umayenera kusonkha gawo lomwe limakaperekedwa ngati mphatso ndipo ngati satero anali kukanizidwa. Zimenezi sizimasangalatsa anthu ozungulira dera limeneli koma amangomezera mate.

Mzunguyi pa nthawi yomwe anali mulendo ku derali anali munthu wabwino koma anthu ena ovunda mkamwa anamuteta ndipo izi zinamupangitsa kumera nyanga. Mkaziwake yemwe amadziwika ndi dzina lakuti Mandalena, anali kuyenda tsiku la nsika m'midzi yozungulira kumaphunzitsa ana kuwerenga komanso kulemba. Bambo anga anali kundilimbikitsa kuti ndizipita nawo kuti ndizikaphunzira kulemba komanso kuwerenga ndipo ndimatero ndithu. Zina kambu zina leku, pa nthawi yomwe makolo anali kutumiza ana awo panali makolo ena omwe amakaniza ana awo kupita kophunzira kuopa kuti mkazi wa Mzunguyi akhoza kumawaphunzitsa ana awo chikhalidwe cha chilendo. Ine pamodzi ndi anzanga ena timapita ndipo timakhala osangalala chifukwa Mandalena anali kubweretsa zakudya zomwe timazitchula kuti tofutofu zomwe zinali zotsekemera ngati uchi ndipo ndimazikonda kwambiri. Mandalena amavutika kwambiri kuyankhula chiyankhulo chathu koma anachizolowera mwachangu chifukwa cha ntchito yake ndipo amachiyankhula mosavuta pomwe Muzungu yemwe anali mwamuna wake amavutika kuyankhula ndipo nthawi zambiri anali kuyenda ndi munthu kuti azimutanthauzira. Zimenezi zinapangitsa kuti anthu azimukonda Mandalena ndipo zinathandidzanso kuti ana ambiri adziwe kulemba ndinso kuwerenga. Mandalena anaphunzitsa kwa zilumika zowerengeka kenako analeka chifukwa makolo a ena tsiku lina anashatiwa naye. Chomwe chinatsitsa dzaye kuti njovu ifeke pothyoka nyanga ndi chakuti Mandalena ataona kuti ana ambiri aphunzira kulemba komanso kuwerenga anayamba kumatiphunzitsa maphunziro ena owonjezera. Mandalena anali kutiphunzitsa zokhuza luso lamanja, za ulimi, za umoyo

komanso za chilengedwe. Tsiku limeneli Mandalena anayamba kutiphunzitsa zokhuza chilengedwe cha dziko la pansi ndipo anatiuza kuti dziko la pansi limayandama m'malere. Anatitsimikizira kuti dziko la pansi ndi lozungulira ngati dzira komanso m'maleremo muli maiko enanso owonjezera koma sikumakhala anthu. Anapitiliza kutiphunzitsa kuti dzuwa silimatuluka kapena kulowa ngati momwe ife timaganizira koma m'malo mwake dziko longi dzirali limakhala nthawi zonse likuzungulira ndipo likamatero limakhalanso likuzungulira dzuwa ndipo izi zimapangitsa kuti kunja kuche komanso kude.

Pa nthawi yomwe amayankhula zimenezi tonse tinali tcheru kunvetsera ndipo atamaliza kunali kufunsa mafunso kuti tinvetsetse zomwe timauzidwazo. Posanvetsetse zomwe zimayankhulidwazo ndinaimilira ndi kufunsa.

“Ngati dziko ndilozungulira ngati dzira ndiyeno zimatheka bwanji kuti anthufe pamodzi ndi zinthu zina zomwe zili pa dzikoli zisamagwe pansi pa nthawi yomwe likuzungulira dzuwa popeza timakhala tazondoka mitu ikuyang'ana pansi?”

“Pali mphanvu ina yomwe imakokera anthu panthaka kuti asagwe ndipo zimenezi ndi zomwenso zimapangitsa kuti ngati munthu waponya chinthu m'mwamba chibwelerenso pansi.”

Mandalena anayankha motero.

Tsiku limeneli kunavumbuluka mafunso ambiri ndipo zimenezi zinapangitsa kuti ana aweruke mochedwerapo ndipo makolo ambiri anali kudabwa kuti ndi chiyani chomwe chawachitikira ana awo popeza nthawi inali kupita. Titaweruka anatiuza kuti tisaime paliponse koma m'malo mwake tizingopita kwathu popeza dzuwa linali litapendeka. Aliyense pa nthawi yomwe amapita kwao anali kulingalira zomwe tinaphunzira. Ndili mkati moyenda kubwelera kwathu ndinaima malo ena mkuyang'ana mlengalenga kuti mwina ndione momwe dziko limaonekera likamazungulira ndipo ndinapeza kuti silikuzungulira langoima malo amodzi. Ndinayang'anitsitsanso mlengalenga muja kuti ndione maiko ena omwe amatiuzawo koma ndinakanika

kuwaona. Nditafika kwathu anandifunsa mayi anga kuti ndi chifukwa chiyani ndinafika mochedwa. Ndinawalongosolera chifukwa chomwe chandibweretsa mochedwa ndipo nditayamba kuwauza zomwe ndinaphunzira anatong'ola maso kusonyeza kusanvetsa ndipo zinawadulitsa mutu wazizwa. Makolo onse omwe ananva zomwe ana awo anaphunzitsidwazi anashatiwa nazo ndipo anagwilizana kuti asadzatumizenso ana awo chifukwa Mandalena wayamba kuwabwatika ana awo. Ndipo tsiku lotsatira lake makolo anamuza Mandalena kuti asadzabwerenso kuwaphunzitsa ana awo kuopera kuti angayambe kupulikira ndi bodza lomwe amalidzala m'malingaliro mwa ana awo. Pa nthawi yomwe Mandalena anaimitsidwayi ine mkuti nditamphunzira kulemba, kuwerenga komanso kuwerengesera.

Zimenezi zinali zakale popeza pa nthawiyi zilumika zisanu ndi zinayi zadutsa tsopano chichitikire zimenezi. Ulendo wathu wopita ku Mzengeza unali wovuta kwambiri chifukwa cha dzuwa lomwe linaomba mokalipa ndipo zinapangitsa kuti tizipumira mwakanunu. Chinanso chomwe chinapangitsa kuti ulendowu ukhale wovuta chinali chakuti gudumu la kutsogolo kwa njinga yomwe ndinakwera linali lokutha ndiye ndimayenda molitsatsatitsa kuti ndikafike bwino. Dzuwa litafika pa liwombo tinaganiza zoima malo ena kuti tidye zakudya zomwe tinatenga. Tinaima ndipo aliyense anaimitsa njinga yake potero mkutulutsa zakudya zake. Pa nthawi yomwe amayi anga amandipatsira kamba wanga wa paulendo sindinawafunse kuti munali zakudya zangi ndipo nditamasula mpango uja ndinapeza kuti muli mbale za bakuli zovundikira bwino. Chifukwa cha ukali wa njala yomwe inandikhonyopola zinandipangitsa kudziwa zomwe zinali mkatimo pongonvera fungo lokha. Nditavundukula ndinazindikira kuti mfuno zanga sizinandinamize ndipo ndinapezadi kuti munali futari. Ndinamezera mate ndipo ndinachita chigada kaamba ka fungo lomwe ndimanvalo ndipo sindinachedwe koma kutenga

chikombe chomwe anakulungira limodzi pa mpangowo mkuyamba kudya. Aliyense anakhala malo ayekha mkumadya zomwe anatenga. Titamaliza kudya tinamwera madzi mkutchalira njinga zathu ulendo mkumapitilira. Pomwe timanyamuka nkhani zinali kuvumba koma chifukwa cha kutopa aliyense amangoyenda osalankhula nzake. Ulendo uno kaamba kakukhuta ndinatchovera mwa mphanvu kuti tikafike nthawi yabwino. Akaka sikanali koyamba kupita ku Mzengeza ndiye ndinali kudziwa bwino kutalika kwa ulendowu. Titafika pa mtsinje wotchedwa Chimalira mtima unayamba kugundira mwa befu popeza ndinadziwa kuti tikuyandikira. Nyumba ya Muzungu inamangidwa malo okwera zomwe zimapangitsa kuti izionekera patali. Nditapenya kutsogolo mkuona nyumba ya Muzungu mtima unakhla pansi pozindikira kuti tafika. Titafika pa Mbendera pomwenso panali chikwangani chomwe chinali cha zimbiri pomwe panalembedwa mau akuluakulu akuti TAKULANDIRANI KU MZENGEZA NDIPO MUKUYENERA KUTSATIRA MALAMULO A KUNO, tonse tinatsika monga mwa lamuro ndipo tinalandiridwa ndi anyamata ovala makabudula a khaki ndi malaya a phulusa okhala ndi mokoloweka nyota omwe anawapitsira bwino komanso anavala zipewa za mlaza. Ku Mzengeza sikumafika anthu mwa chisawawa ndipo munthu aliyense amene wafika kumeneku amakhala kuti akuyendedera za phindu ndiye anyamatawa anaikidwa kuti azilandira alendo. Anatilondolera malo ena omwe panakhalanso anthu ena mkutiuza kuti tikhale tizidikilira. Sanatifunse kuti ndi chiyani chomwe tikufuna popeza anali akudziwa kuti aliyense yemwe wafika ku Mzengeza amakhala kuti akufuna kukomana ndi Muzungu.

Posakhalitsa panatulukira munthu wina yemwe ananyamula bukhu la chikasu m'manja. Nditaona mtundu wa bukhuli ndinakumbukira kuti munthu wina aliyense yemwe akufuna kuonana ndi Muzungu amayenera kulembetsa dzina lake. Anayamba kufunsa m'modzi m'modzi kuti azitchula dzina lake, komwe wachokera komanso chifukwa chomwe wabwelera. Atamaliza anapitanso mkukalowa mkanyumba komwe

anachokera kaja. Panali duu pa malo paja kenako munthu uja anabweleranso ndipo atafika anayamba kuyankhula.

“Abwana lero atalikira ndiye kwa amene wabwelera kudzasiya gawo andilondore koma ena nonse mukhoza kumapita mudzabwerenso mawa.”

Anayankhula motero kenako anatembenuka ngati nguli mkubwelera ndipo ine ndi anzanga aja tinayamba kumulondora. Tinalunjika mu kanyumba kaja ndipo titalowa tinauzidwa kukhala panso ndipo munthu uja anatuluka. Panapita nthawi ndithu kenako tinangoona chitseko chomwe chinali mbali ina ya nyumbayi chikutsekulidwa. Nyumbayi anali ndi chipinda chimodzi ndipo inamangidwa mwa makono. Ulendo woyamba womwe tinabweranso sitinafikire mu kanyumba aka nde ndinali odabwa kuti ndi chiyani chomwe chikufuna kuchitika. Munthu uja anatuluka uku akuziputa kukamwa kusonyeza kuti amadya ndipo anali kujegweda patali patali kusukuluza mkamwa tsokwe zotsalira muzisakano. Munthuyu anali ndi maonekedwe owopsya. Anali ndi tindevu tatonde tomwe tinazungulira ku chigama komanso pa chipumi pake nthawi zonse pamakhala masinya. Munanveka fungo la chilendo mu kanyumba kaja pa nthawi yomwe amatipatsa moni ndipo kafungoko ndinakazindikira kuti linali la mtundu wa sopo yemwe Mandalena nthawi ina anatigaira kuti tizikagwiritsa ntchito pochapira zovala. Anali ndi thupi la minyewa ndipo anali ndi chilema pasaya la kumanzere chosonyeza kuti anabayidwa ndi mpeni.

“A.... a ..ali kuti?”

Anafunsa atamaliza kutipatsa moni ndipo ndinazizimuka ndi funsoli popeza mukanyumbamo munalibenso munthu wina kupatula ife ndiye ndinali odabwa kuti akufunsa yani. Apanso ndi pomwe ndinazindikira kuti anali wachibwibwi.

“Ndi.... Ndi kuti ka... ka... katundu mwabweretsayo ali kuti ta... ta Tamayankhani ndili ndi zochita zambiri musa... sandichedwetse?”

“Ali panjinga sitinamasule.”

Ndinayankha uku ndi kunjenjemera kaamba ka mayankhulidwe ake aukali.

“Pi...pi... pi.....pita ukatenge uuu...bweretse pompano.”

Ndinamutsukunya nzanga m’modzi paphewa mkumuuza kuti andiperekeze akandithandize kunyamula katunduyo.

Tinapita pomwe tinaimika njinga paja mkuyamba kumasula ndipo titamaliza tinanyamula mkukalowetsa mu kanyumba kaja.

Titabweretsa munthu uja anatulukanso mu kachipinda kaja ndipo anandikodola kuti ndilowe mu ka chipinda kaja. Nditalowa anandilodzera mpando kenako anayamba kundifunsa ndipo zonse zomwe ndinali kuyankha anali kuzilemba mu kabukhu kena.

“Ga... gawo mwabweretsali kuli zo..... zo.. zochitika zANJI?”

“Mawa kuli dima la a Filipino.”

Ndinamuyankha motero.

Atamaliza kundifunsa analemba kalata mkundipatsira ndipo anandiuza kuti ndiwerenge mokuwa kuti anve nawo. Pamapeto pa kalatayi panalembedwa kuti ndatha ine Njetusa ndipo apa ndi pomwe ndinadziwa dzina la munthuyi.

Nditamaliza kuwerenga anatiuza kuti tikhoza kumapita ndipo tinatuluka mkuuyamba ulendo wobwelera. Pa nthawi yomwe timatuluka mu kanyumba kaja, mbali ina ya malowa kunali nyumba zina komanso zinthu zina zochititsa chidwi zomwe ndimafunitsitsa kudziwa kuti zinali za ntchito yanji koma popeza ndinalibe ufulu umenewu sindinakhazikike mu kulingalira zimenezi. Ulendo wobwelera unayambika ndipo kunali kupalatsa kwa mtima bii popeza unali ulendo wautali komanso wolemetsa. Kalata ija ndinaisunga malo abwino kuopa kuti ndikhoza kugwetsa ndipo ndinaotsetsa kuti ili malo osamalika ndithu. Tinakafika ndi mdima ndipo makolo maso

anali kunjira kudikilira. Titaſika aliyenſe analunjika khomo la kwao popeza tinaſika mphindi za usiku. Mayi anga anandilonjera ndipo ndipo nditawaonetsa kalata ija utsiku womweo anapita kwa amfumu mkukaisiya. Amfumu atawerenga kalata ija anatuma anyamata awo kuyamba kulengeza utsiku womweo kuti aliyenſe akamagona adzidziwa kuti mawa kuli dima la aſilipo.

MUTU 3

ZINGALUME PHULAMTENGGA

Tambala woyamba anagwiridwa pakhoſi ndi nthumwi za mfumu zomwe zinalawilira kulengezanko za dima kuti anthu ayambe kukonzekera popeza nthanda inali kuzimilira monyimira. Anali kukuwa mogonthetsa nkutu uku akumenya ng'oma ndipo mfuwu wakulengezako unanveka ngakhale nkutu mwatulo la uchidakwa. Pang'ono pang'ono m'dima unali kuyambatuka mogonjetsedwa ndi kuwala kwa dzuwa ndipo poſakhalitsa pa bwalo la mfumu panali anthu yambakatayambakata kukozenkera kuti ulendo uyambike. Patali patali panali kunveka phokoſo la makasu kunola komanko kuchotsa thoſe loſalira.

Tſiku limeneli bambo anga anali atatsanzika kale kuti ſakwanitsa kuchita nawo dima kaamba ka mwera yemwe amawatsautsa ndipo m'malo mwake ndinapita ndine ndinſo mayi anga.

Ulendo wokapha mphanje kumunda kwa a Filipo unayambika uku nkhani zikuphulika zosakanikirana ndi phwete komanso azimayi omwe anatsogola anali kuimba tinyimbo tamwambo atadendekera ndelema za bota. Malinga ndi momwe timayendera tinafika mwachangu ndipo sitichenadwenso koma aliyense kuwerama mkumaswa mphanje kuti dzuwa likamafika pa liwombo tikhale titatha mtunda. Tinaterodi ndipo dzuwa linayamba kukalipa zomwe zinapangitsa azimayi kusokoloka mkukatenga bota lomwe anafulura kuti anthu akonkhe kukhosi. Tinakhalira panso pa mtengo aliyense chikho chili m'manja uku nkhani zikuphulika patali patali.

“Ndangonvetsedwa kuti dzulo pa wayilesi kunali kulengeza kuti kwabuka muliri wosanva mankhwala. Nditsimikizireni nthuni?”

Adafunsa motero Khoba yemwenso anali nzanga kwambiri ngakhale kuti anali wokulirapo koma timkayenda limodzi nthawi zina. Ndimkamukonda chifukwa anali zingalume phulamtenga.

“Eti mkuterodi nthuni wawa. Zize dzaka zino nzatonse.”

Filipo mwini dima adayankha.

“Koma azunguwatu atiputira nkhondo kum'mawaku nthuni.” Khoba anatsendera motero.

Ndinalakalaka kuyankhulapo koma nditaona madazi omwe anali kuwala monyanyira kaamba ka dzuwa ndinazitsimikira ndekha kuti ndikhale chete kuonetsa ulemu pakati pa mikoko.

“Monga tinagonjetsa nthomba ndi chikuku ndikukhulupilira kuti nthenda iyinso tigonjetsa. Sizachilendo izi komanso ukoma wake mngwakuti yabuka dziko lakutali singafike kuno.” Amfumu anayankhira kwinaku akuzipukuta phala lomwe linawataikira pa buluku.

“Kodi akuti ndi nthenda yanji? Mkukhala ndi dzina kodi?”

Anafunsaso Khoba.

“Khotinde.” Mkulu wina yemwe anazitsomeka pa mafutu omwe anali chakumanzere kwathu anayankhira.

“Ndi khomfide osati momwe mwayankhuliramo.” Ndinayankhula motero ndipo anthu ena anagwa nalo phwete ataona kuti mkulu uja anakanika kutchula dzina lija.

Zokambirana zija sizinapite patali chifukwa anthu ena anachita chogugudira bota lija ndipo ananyamuka mkukapitiliza kulima. Pofuna kuonetsa uchamuna wathu aliyense anadzuka kuwalondora kuti tiphere limodzi paja kusenza denga lowora mkulinga mutachulukana. Tinaigwiradi ntchito momwe dzuwa limafika paliwombo mkuti titamaliza. Tisanachoke tinatolera zida zonse kuonetsetsa kuti kalikonse kali m’malo. Tinauyamba ulendo wobwelera koma panthawiyi chifukwa chakutopa nkhani sizinalinso kukambidwa. Wina amkati akayambitsa nkhani anthu samavomera kusonyeza kutopa zomwe zinapangitsa kuti tizingoyenda ngati ulendo wochokera kudziko. Tinayenda mpaka tinafika pa Chithembere osayankhulana.

“Hoo! Wanditengera supada langa ndi ndani?”

Khoba anafunsa modzidzimuka ndipo anthu anayang’anizana ndipo pamapeto pake zinadziwika kuti supada lija linaiwalidwa.

“Mundilore ndibweze phazi ndikatenge ndinasomeka mu mtengo uja.”

Anatero Khoba ndipo anthu anamuvomera kuti akhoza kubwelera kukatenga supada lake. Atauyamba ulendo ndinakuwa mkumuimitsa kuti ndichite chomuperekeza. Ndinatero podziwa kuti munsewu ndinali kuona mbalame zochukuka koma ndimaopa kugenda popeza ndinali ndi akulu ndipo mwayi unali womwewu.

Tinayenda chandawala ndipo munjira ndinali kugenda atchete omwe anali kuwuluka mbali mwa nsewu.

“Ndapha!”

Ndinakuwa umodzi mwa miyala yomwe ndinaponya utalunjika pa tchete wina yemwe anali kumenyana ndi nzake. Ndinathamangira pa malo paja limodzi ndi Khoba ndipo tinapeza ali gone kuphupha ndi imfa.

Tinakafika pomwe khoba anasiya supada paja ndipo anangofikira kulitenga mkubwelera nthawi nyomweyo. Ulendo wobwelera unali wothamanga kuti tikawapeze nanthu aja asanafike.

Titafikanso pa Chithembere paja kunanveka kulira ndinso kubuma. Tinaima kunvetsera ndipo kulirako kumanvekera mbali ya ku mudzi wathu. Zinatichitisa befu ndipo tinaonjezera liwiro kuti tikazionere tokha kuopera kunva za m'maluwa. Titayandikira kumudzi kuja kulira kuja kunakula ndipo nditapenyetsetsa ndinaona kuti pa bwalo la mfumu padadzadza anthu a mudzi wonse ataimika manja mwamba.

Cha pambali pa anthuwa panali galimoti la mtundu wa khaki ndipo panali kuyenda anthu omwe anavala zovala zobiliwira zamawangazawanga ndi nsapato za mtundu wa joloza. M'modzi wa anthuwo anali ndi chibonga chomwe anachigwira mwamphanvu ndi mkono wa ku manzere ndipo mkono wakumanja munali kapepala. Munthuyu anali kuyankhula mokalipa ndipo ngakhale tinaima patali koma zoyankhula zake zinali kunveka. Ninazindikira mwachangu kuti anali yani kaamba ka mayankhulidwe ake. Njetusa.

Njetusa anayankhula molamura kumuuzza munthu wina yemwe anabwera naye limodzi yemwe anamangira nduwira yofiira kumutu.

“Ndi.....ndi... kuti za masewera ine ayi. Mfuu....muyo ili kuti?

Sindinali kunvetseta bwino kuti mchiyani mkwenikweni chomwe chinali kuchitika. Anthu onse a m'mudzi mwathu ndinali kuwaona ndipo nditapenyetsetsa mchigulu muja ndinapenya bamboo anga. Anayang'ana komwe ndinali koma sanandione popeza sanayembekezre kuti komwe anali kupenyako mkumuonako munthu. Khoba ananditsukunya paphewa

mkundinong'oneza kuti tinyamukepo tilunjike komwe kunali anthu aja. Ndinamuuza kuti kutero mkudokonya wiri kumphanga. Khonba anali waphuma komasno wopanda mantha.

Posakhalitsa Njetusa analamura kuti